AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Previously Presented) A music data providing apparatus, comprising:

a storage device that stores a plurality of music data in a musical performance data event format;

a download setting screen transmitting device that transmits data relating to a download setting screen for a desired music selected by a user of a client terminal to the client terminal via a network, wherein the download setting screen includes an operator for designating whether conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the music data providing apparatus or on the client terminal;

a providing request receiving device that receives a request for providing music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format and a setting parameter from a the client terminal via the network when the user of the client terminal has designated that the conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the music data providing apparatus by using the operator displayed on the download setting screen;

a converter that, in accordance with the received request and setting parameter, reads the music data corresponding to the desired music in a musical performance data event format from the storage device and converts the read music data into music data in an audio data format; and

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a music data transmitting device that transmits the converted music data in an audio data format to the client terminal.

2.   (Original)   A music data providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the setting parameter is at least one of a parameter for selecting stereophonic or monophonic, a parameter for selecting a sound quality, a parameter for selecting a data format, a parameter for selecting a tempo, a parameter for setting a key, a parameter relating to an effect process, a parameter relating to a tone color, a parameter relating to loudness of a tone, a parameter for selecting a musical performance part and a parameter for selecting a musical performance section.

3.   (Previously Presented)   A music data receiving apparatus, comprising:

a download setting screen receiving device that receives data relating to a download setting screen for a desired music from a server via a network, wherein the download setting screen includes an operator for designating whether conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the server or on the music data receiving apparatus;

a displaying device that displays the download setting screen for the desired music in accordance with the received data;

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a designating device that designates that the conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the server by using the operator displayed on the download setting screen;

a providing request transmitting device that transmits a request for providing music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format and a setting parameter to the server, so as to request the server for conversion of the music data in a musical performance event data format into music data in an audio data format and transmission of the converted music data to the music data receiving apparatus; and

a music data receiving device that receives the music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format converted in accordance with the transmitted request and setting parameter via the network.

4.   (Original)   A music data providing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the setting parameter is at least one of a parameter for selecting stereophonic or monophonic, a parameter for selecting a sound quality, a parameter for selecting a data format, a parameter for selecting a tempo, a parameter for setting a key, a parameter relating to an effect process, a parameter relating to a tone color, a parameter relating to loudness of a tone, a parameter for selecting a musical performance part and a parameter for selecting a musical performance section.

5.   (Currently Amended) A music data receiving apparatus, comprising:

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a providing request transmitting device that transmits a request for providing music data to a server storing a plurality of music data in a musical performance data event format via a network, each music data in a musical performance data event format including a series of event data;

a music data receiving device that receives music data in a musical performance data event format provided in accordance with the transmitted request via the network;

a temporal storage device that temporally stores the received music data in a musical performance data event format;

an input device that inputs a setting parameter for the received music data in a musical performance data event format;

a converter that converts the music data in a musical performance event data format stored in the temporal storage device into music data in an audio data format in accordance with the input setting parameter; and

a storage device that stores the converted music data in an audio data format; and

a deleting device that deletes the music data in a musical performance data event format stored in the temporal storage device automatically after the conversion of the converter.

6.   (Original) A music data providing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the setting parameter is at least one of a parameter for selecting stereophonic or monophonic, a parameter for selecting a sound quality, a parameter for selecting a data format, a parameter for selecting a tempo, a parameter for setting a key, a parameter

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relating to an effect process, a parameter relating to a tone color, a parameter relating to loudness of a tone, a parameter for selecting a musical performance part and a parameter for selecting a musical performance section.

7.   (Previously Presented) A program, which a computer storing music data in a musical performance data event format executes to realize a music data providing process, comprising the instructions for:

(a) transmitting data relating to a download setting screen for a desired music selected by a user of a client terminal to the client terminal via a network, wherein the download setting screen includes an operator for designating whether conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the music data providing apparatus or on the client terminal;

(b) receiving a request for providing music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format and a setting parameter from the client terminal via the network when the user of the client terminal has designated that the conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the music data providing apparatus by using the operator displayed on the download setting screen;

(c) reading, the music data corresponding to the desired music in a musical performance data event format in accordance with the received request;

(d) converting the read music data into music data in an audio data format in accordance with the received setting parameter; and

(e) transmitting the converted music data in an audio data format to the client terminal.

8. (Previously Presented) A program, which a computer executes to realize a music data receiving process, comprising the instructions for:

(a) receiving data relating to a download setting screen for a desired music from a server via a network, wherein the download setting screen includes an operator for designating whether conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the server or on the music data receiving apparatus;

(b) displaying the download setting screen for the desired music in accordance with the received data;

(c) designating that the conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the server by using the operator displayed on the download setting screen;

(d) transmitting a request for providing music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format and a setting parameter to the server so as to request the server for conversion of the music data in a musical performance event data format into music data in an audio data format and transmission of the converted music data to the music data receiving apparatus; and

(e) receiving music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format

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converted in accordance with the transmitted request and setting parameter via the network.

9.   (Currently Amended)   A program, which a computer executes to realize a music data receiving process, comprising the instructions for:

(a) transmitting a request for providing music data to a server storing a plurality of music data in a musical performance data event format via a network, each music data in a musical performance data event format including a series of event data;

(b) receiving music data in a musical performance data event format provided in accordance with the transmitted request via the network, each music data in a musical performance data event format including a series of event data;

(c) temporally storing the received music data in a musical performance data event format;

(d) inputting a setting parameter for the received music data in a musical performance data event format;

(e) converting the temporally stored music data in a musical performance event data format into music data in an audio data format in accordance with the input setting parameter and storing said converted music data in an audio data format; and

(f) deleting the temporally stored music data in a musical performance data event format automatically after the conversion at the converting step (e).

10.   (Currently Amended) A music data providing apparatus, comprising:

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a storage device that stores a plurality of music data in a musical performance event data format, each music data in a musical performance data event format including a series of event data;

a music selection screen transmitting device that transmits data for a screen for selecting music to a client terminal via a network, so as to the screen for selecting music is displayed on the client terminal side;

a music selection receiving device that receives a result of selection of desired music by a user of the client terminal from the client terminal via the network;

a music download setting screen transmitting device that transmits data for a download setting screen corresponding to the desired music selected by the user of the client terminal in accordance with the result of the selection to the client terminal in accordance with the result of the selection to the client terminal via the network;

a providing request receiving device that receives a request for providing music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format and a setting parameter via the network;

a converter that reads music data corresponding to the desired music in a musical performance event data format from the storage device and converts the read music data into music data in an audio data format in accordance with the received request and setting parameter; and

a music data transmitting device that transmits the music data converted into an audio data format to the client terminal via the network.

11.   (Previously Presented)   The music data providing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the download setting screen includes an operator for designating whether conversion of the music data in a musical performance data format into music data in an audio data format is executed on the music data providing apparatus or on the client terminal.

12.   (Currently Amended) A music data receiving apparatus, comprising:

a music selection screen receiving device that receives data for a screen for selecting music from a server storing a plurality of music data in a musical performance event data format via a network, each music data in a musical performance data event format including a series of event data;

a displaying device that displays the music selection screen in accordance with the data received from the server;

a selecting device that selects desired music by using the music selection screen;

a providing request transmitting device that transmits a request for providing music data corresponding to the desired music and a setting parameter to the server via the network, so as to request the server for conversion of the music data in a musical performance event data format into music data in an audio data format and transmission of the converted music data to the music data receiving apparatus; and

a music data receiving device that receives the music data corresponding to the desired music in an audio data format in accordance with the transmitted request and setting parameter.